

REMARKS

Applicant elects the claims set out in paragraph 1.I. of the Office Action of August 19, 2003 (claims 1-30, 33-37, and 39) for prosecution on the merits.

Please cancel claims 31-32 and 38 without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

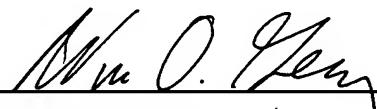


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